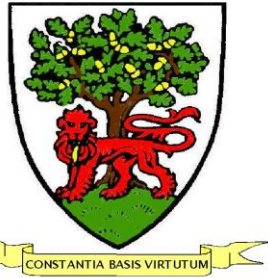


ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes Council

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 11 April 2013

Place

Upper Guildhall, Andover

Details of Attendance:

Cllr D Drew (Chairman) (P)

Cllr G McBride (Vice-Chairman) (A)

Cllr K Bird (A)

Cllr Z Brooks (A)

Cllr B Carpenter (A)

Cllr A Cotter (P)

Cllr A Fitchet (P) (Left at 7.45pm)

Cllr K Hamilton (P)

Cllr S Hardstaff (P)

Cllr S Hawke (P)

Cllr K Hughes (P)

Cllr M Kerley (A)

Cllr B Long (P)

Cllr C Lynn (A)

Cllr P North (P)

Cllr B Page (A)

Cllr V Pond (P)

Cllr R Shukri (A).

Officers Present: Wendy Coulter (Town Clerk) (taking the minutes)

Members of the Public: 7

C 85/12 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Katherine Bird, Zilliah Brooks, Barbara Carpenter, Marion Kerley, Chris Lynn, Brian Page and Roy Shukri.

C 86/12 Declarations of Interest

Cllr B Long declared an interest in Item 10 – Pride of Andover Awards, as she is a Member of the Committee.

C 87/12 Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Long and seconded by Councillor Cotter that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 January 2013 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting dated 30 January 2013 be approved and adopted.

C 88/12 Public Participation

Mr T Hook – Andover Businessperson

Concerned about the speed in which the Town Council has decided to erect a memorial plaque to Mr Reg Presley of The Troggs. The War Memorial was moved from the High Street to the Church Yard in the 1950's. Respect should be given to the war dead. Would the Town Council give more time to the consideration of another memorial plaque in the High Street He suggested that the Public of Andover be consulted.

Cllr North thanked Mr Hook for his points and confirmed that the Town Council thought that it was right that a memorial be dedicated to Mr Presley. However the Town Council had a great deal more work to do before the memorial would go up and further consideration would be given, not least consulting Mr Presley's family and landowners of the property in the High Street.

Cllr Drew confirmed that Mr Hook's suggestion regarding the War Memorial had been forwarded to the Amenities and Town Development Committee for further consideration.

Mr P Sumner – Andover Resident

Would like to know who is to pay for the Reg Presley memorial plaque. The monies should be donated, not paid for by public money.

Cllr Drew explained that the final decision for funding the Reg Presley Memorial would be made by the Town Council. The suggestion for another Memorial had been passed to the Amenities and Town Development Committee and would be fully discussed with Test Valley Borough Council.

Andover Resident

Questioned the validity of the summons to the Town Council meeting. Would there be any come back for the Councillors who had not attended the meeting.

Cllr Drew responded that the Summons was standard wording under the Local Government Act 1972 and as a Council there would be no action taken against Councillors who had not attended the meeting. All those not attended had given valid reasons to the Town Clerk.

Cllr Fitchet responded that all Members of the Town Council were volunteers.

C 89/12 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Drew, the Chairman, reminded Members that 2014 would see the anniversaries of the start of the Great War in 1914 and 70 years since D Day in 1944. Hampshire County Council had contacted the Town Council to co-ordinate events for 2014. The Chairman confirmed that the Events Working Group would be considering ways in which the Town Council would participate in the commemoration events.

Cllr Drew reminded Members to return their Committee Choice forms for 2013/2014 to the Town Clerk.

Cllr Drew announced the all Members that Councillor Janet Evans had resigned from the Town Council. He proposed that a the Council give a vote of thanks to Mrs Evans, this was seconded by Cllr Fitchet and it was agreed that the Chairman and Town Clerk would write a letter of thanks to Mrs Evans.

C 90/12 Committee Minutes

The following Minutes were received and noted:

17 January 2013 – Amenities and Town Development Committee

6 March 2013 – Amenities and Town Development Committee

6 February 2013 – Policy and Resources Committee

28 January – Planning Committee

11 February 2013 – Planning Committee

4 March 2013 – Planning Committee

26 March 2013 – Planning Committee

C 91/12 Town Council Policies

Members considered and agreed the recommendation of the Staffing Sub-Committee to adopt a Whistleblowing Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Whistleblowing Policy be adopted.

C 92/12 Membership of South East Employers

Members considered the recommendation of the Staffing Sub-Committee for Andover Town Council to become a Member of South East Employers at a cost of £194.25 per annum.

Members agreed that Membership of South East Employers would be very beneficial as it would be an independent body who would provide support and advice from issues regarding human Resources to Health and Safety.

It was proposed by Cllr Fitchet and seconded by Cllr Long that the Town Council be a Member of South

East Employers.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council become a Member of South East Employers at a cost of £194.25 per annum.

C 93/12 Reg Presley Memorial

Members considered the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee to spend up to £400 on a Memorial Plaque in memory of Mr Reg Presley.

Cllr North confirmed that the Policy and Resources Committee had considered a Memorial Plaque after receiving requests from Members of the Public. He explained that the Town Clerk was investigating the possibility of a Blue Plaque under the Blue Plaque Heritage Scheme. Two suggestions for the location had been 12 High Street where The Troggs used to rehearse or outside The Town Mills where a poetry plaque already existed for The Troggs. However, the Policy and Resources favoured 12 High Street subject to relevant permissions.

Cllr North explained that although the Policy and Resources Committee had recommended that the monies for the plaque be taken from the Events Budget, it was his recommendation that it would be more prudent to be taken from the Town Development Budget.

He confirmed that the Town Council had further work to do, researching the blue plaque, contacting Mr Presley's family for permission and obtaining permission from land owners and Test Valley Borough Council for planning permission.

Cllr Long supported the recommendation and commented that Reg Presley was a famous person from Andover and should be remembered.

It was proposed by Cllr North and seconded by Cllr Hardstaff that in principle the Town Council approve a Memorial Plaque to Reg Presley up to a maximum value of £400 to be taken from the Town Development Budget.

RESOLVED: That in principle the Town Council approve a Memorial Plaque to Reg Presley up to a maximum value of £400 to be taken from the Town Development Budget.

C 94/12 Pride of Andover Awards

Members considered the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Committee for a donation to the Pride of Andover Awards of £500 under the Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cllr North explained that the Policy and Resources Committee had agreed that the Town Council should support the Awards.

It was recommended by Cllr North and seconded by Cllr Hamilton that the Town Council should make a contribution of £500 to the Pride of Andover Awards subject to provision of appropriate information and matched funding.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council should make a contribution of £500 to the Pride of Andover Awards subject to provision of appropriate information and matched funding.

C 95/12 Finance

Members received and approved the list of payments up to 9 April 2013.

Supplier	Payment Details	Amount (£)
British Telecom	March 2013 Telephone and broadband charges	£78.27
Edge Designs	Yearly licence for allotment & finance software	£621.00
Southern Water	Admirals Way Allotments water charges	£52.10
Southern Water	Churchill Way Allotments water charges	£26.22
HALC	Councillors Training	£132.00
Test Valley Borough Council	Hire of Guildhall 4 & 27 April 2013	£90.00
Test valley Community Services	Printing leaflets for community driver initiative (grant)	£1026.00
Baxter Confidential	Confidential paper recycling	£78.00
ACE Liftaway	Toilet provision for Allotments (March 2013)	£433.75
Mrs M Bayes	April 2013 Salary	£806.32
British Telecom	April 2013 Telephone & Broadband Charges	£74.74
Miss W Coulter	April 2013 Salary	£2,083.06
Custom Studio	Website hosting and email provision	£35.94
Danwood Working Solutions	Photocopier hire (quarterly)	£187.54
HALC & NALC	Yearly subscription 2013/2014	£2,535.00
Test Valley Borough Council	Business Rates 2013/2014	£2,633.40
TOTAL		£10,893.34

C 96/12 Questions from Councillors

There were no questions from Councillors.

C 97/12 Motions – Standing Order 4

There were no Motions under Standing Order 4.

C 98/12 Reports from Councillors

Cllr Long reported that she had attended the opening of the Admirals Way footpath. The planting of the Jubilee Tree had taken place in Vigo Road Recreation Ground on 26 March 2013 and that 106 monies had been released to enable Test Valley Borough Council to build a new skateboard park.

Cllr Long further reported that the Andover Farmers' Market had two dates available in June and September for enhancements to the Market. Cllr Long suggested that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to contact charities and organise two charity days which the working group could take forward.

C 99/12 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Hamilton reported that King George Road Park was almost finished. Officers had attended the park and marked up dog fouling and education days were being organised to bring attention to the dangers of allowing dog fouling to take place.

Cllr North reported that the Consultation for the Local Plan would close on 26 April 2013.

Cllr Cotter reminded Members that if they wished to make any comments, the Planning Committee would be considering the Local Plan Consultation on 15 April. The Town Clerk was requested to send a reminder to all Members.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Chairman

Date